

Senate Adult and Juvenile Committee

Meeting Minutes

148th General Assembly

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

2:00 p.m.

Senate Majority Caucus Room, 1st Floor
Legislative Hall

Meeting Attendance

Committee Members:

Present:

Senator Bruce Ennis	Bruce.Ennis@state.de.us	302.744.4310
Senator Brian Bushweller	Brian.Bushweller@state.de.us	302.744.4162
Senator Bryan Townsend	Bryan.Townsend@state.de.us	302.744.4165
Senator David McBride	David.McBride@state.de.us	302.744.4167
Senator Karen Peterson	Karen.Peterson@state.de.us	302.744.4163
Senator David Lawson	David.Lawson@state.de.us	302.744.4237
Senator Gerald Hocker	Gerald.Hocker@state.de.us	302.744.4144

Staff:

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Attendees:

Organization:

David Craik	Pension Office	david.craik@state.de.us
Nick Johnson	BPPA	
Robert Scoglietti	OMB	robert.scoglietti@state.de.us
Curt Shurkley	DOC	curt.shockley@state.de.us

Senator Ennis convened the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

I. SB 50 (Ennis) - AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATE EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN

SYNOPSIS – This bill clarifies the definition of a Correction Officer in the State Employees' Pension Plan by expanding the existing requirements from supervising inmates to supervising Correctional Officers in secure facilities and/or classified with a correctional officer job code.

Senator Ennis introduced and addressed the purpose of the bill, which was to include 30 correctional officers (10 positions) that were excluded from HB 207 last year. The bill was written with help from the Pension Office and OMB, and will have a fiscal impact of \$3,358 in 2017.

Senator Townsend inquired about language of the bill, and questioned if it should read "inmates or correctional officers" in order to not eliminate people from the definition.

Senator Ennis responded he would address the language with the drafters of the bill.

Dave Craik stated that the bill would not be eliminating any positions, but clarified that it would simply include 30 people from last year's HB 207.

Senator Townsend suggested that a deeper clarification of terms might be helpful.

Senator Ennis acknowledged the request and then asked the Committee and the public for any further questions.

With no further questions or comments, SB 50 was signed out of the Senate Adult and Juvenile Committee with 1 favorable (Senator Ennis) and 6 on its merits (Senators Peterson, Bushweller, Hocker, Townsend, McBride & Lawson).

II. HB 47 (Johnson) - AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

SYNOPSIS- This Bill makes technical amendments to three sections of Title 11 of the Delaware Code that incorrectly refer to the Department of Correction as either the State Board of Correction or the Department of Health and Social Services. The Department of Correction previously was known as the State Board of Correction and historically was part of the Department of Health and Social Services.

Senator Ennis introduced the bill and asked Representative JJ Johnson to speak on the bill.

Representative Johnson introduced the bill and commented that its purpose was to make changes to the Delaware Code in order to clarify the Department of Correction language.

Senator Ennis asked the Committee and the public if there were any comments or concerns.

With no further questions or comments, HB 47 was signed out of the Senate Adult and Juvenile Committee with 2 favorable (Senators Ennis & Lawson) and 4 on its merits (Senators McBride, Townsend, Hocker & Bushweller).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by MaryKay Harris on 4/22/2015.